



A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Summer reading program evaluations needed

While the contests and events may be coming to a close, your library's summer reading program isn't complete until you've submitted your evaluation forms to the State Library. This year there are two evaluations to complete: one that tracks participation and evaluates the theme and materials, and another to assess the value of the public service announcement. Both evaluation forms are short and can be completed online.

The [2005 Summer Reading Program evaluation](#) must be submitted by September 9, 2005. Please complete the evaluation whether or not you used any portion of the Missouri statewide summer reading program. Your responses to the evaluation are used to improve future summer reading programs and provide information to report to funding sources. Every library submitting an evaluation by the deadline will receive a free "READ" pin that supports the 2006 statewide summer library theme, "Paws, Claws, Scales, & Tales." Supplies are limited so submit the evaluation as soon as possible.

In May, the State Library mailed copies of the "Dragons, Dreams, & Daring Deeds" public services announcement (PSA) to all Missouri television stations, all public libraries, and school libraries that requested it. To determine the value of the PSA in promoting your local summer reading program and to determine whether we will distribute it in the future, please take a few minutes to complete the [2005 Public Service Announcement Evaluation](#). Your comments and feedback will help us determine the value of the public services announcement and what other marketing tools will help you promote your local summer library program.

If you cannot submit the online evaluations, you can download the form and fax or mail it to the State Library. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Anne Steele at 800-325-0131, ext. 3, and she will mail or fax a form to you.

Check your bookmarks for updated State Library URL

Over the past few months the State Library has received information at the Secretary of State's old URL, www.sos.state.mo.us. The official domain for the Secretary of State was changed to www.sos.mo.gov almost two years ago, and the old domain name has now been permanently discontinued.

Please check your Internet favorites or bookmarks to make sure you have updated links to the State Library's Web pages. While the information submitted using the old domain made it through in the past, these links will no longer function.

Free Web resources training available through Centra

As part of the State Library's Gates Foundation "Staying Connected" grant, the Springfield-Greene County Library is offering online workshops focused on using the Internet to conduct patron research requests. The sessions are free of charge to Missouri public library employees. Participants must use a computer with an Internet connection and a simple download of Centra software to participate in the courses.

The sessions are targeted toward reference desk staff or any library staff member who performs research for patrons. To register, e-mail your name, library, address, phone number, and class title to stafftraining@mail.sgcl.org. Questions about the sessions can be directed to [Jazy Milhalik](#) or [Shonda Dill](#) at (417) 837-5011. Courses include:

Literature and Art Resources on the Web – August 23, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Participants will become familiar with useful Internet sites covering different types of art and artists, plus sites relating to literature and authors. Shelley White, reference librarian at the Springfield-Greene County Library, will serve as the instructor.

Business Resources on the Web – August 30, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Participants will learn what non-subscription Internet sites can be trusted to provide current, reliable, and unbiased information on finance, particular companies, small business, statistics, and many other business-related topics. The instructor for the course is Mike Depue, business resources librarian at Springfield-Greene County Library.

Legal Resources on the Web – September 6, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Participants will learn about the most helpful, reputable, and reliable sites for finding information on federal law, Missouri law, family law, self-help law sites, plus other law-related topics. Tammy Flippen, legal resources librarian at the Springfield-Greene County Library will serve as instructor.

Genealogy Resources on the Web – September 13, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Participants will learn what non-subscription Internet sites are of particular interest to patrons involved in researching their family history. Emphasis will be placed on genealogy sites for Missouri researchers. The instructor for the course is Sharol Neely, genealogy/local history specialist at the Springfield-Greene County Library.

Health Resources on the Web – September 27, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Participants will learn about consumer and reference based Web sites on a variety of health topics including drugs, disease, mental health, fitness, nutrition, and alternative medicine. Shelley White, reference librarian at the Springfield-Greene County Library, will serve as the instructor.

MLNC announces fall workshop schedule

More training opportunities are now available through MLNC, which just released the fall workshop schedule. Over the next few months MLNC will offer courses on:

- Metadata for digitization and preservation
- The basics of map cataloging
- Interlibrary loan for new users of WorldCat
- An introduction to eAudiobooks
- Basic concepts used in cataloging

Complete workshop descriptions and online registration are available on the MLNC Website, <http://www.mlnc.org/Workshops/>. More workshops will be added as they are scheduled.

Toolkit offers information on Medicare coverage

The [Center for Medicare Services](#) recently released a toolkit to help the public understand recent changes to Medicare prescription drug coverage. The toolkit is primarily targeted to healthcare professionals, but libraries may find it a valuable resource to make available to patrons. The kit includes background information on the prescription drug plan, a fact sheet in English and Spanish, a brochure, bookmark, and other reproducible resources.

Download the toolkit as a PDF file at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/provtoolkit.pdf.

Funding available to host Abraham Lincoln exhibit

The American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will offer 60 libraries the opportunity to host *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation*. The traveling exhibition details Lincoln's decision to give slaves their freedom and the effects of that decision on the United States.

The exhibition contains reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative material, such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera. The six sections of the exhibition focus on young Lincoln's America, the House divided, war for the Union, the Emancipation Proclamation, the role of black soldiers in the Civil War, and the final months of the Civil War and Lincoln's life.

Participating libraries are expected to present at least one program for library patrons and community members that features a lecture/discussion by a scholar on exhibition themes. Additionally, one staff member from each library hosting the tour will attend an orientation seminar at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California.

Libraries of all types interested in hosting *Forever Free* can download the application and guidelines at www.ala.org/publicprograms or request a copy by sending an e-mail message to publicprograms@ala.org. Applications must be received by October 3, 2005.

Grant available for national library week campaign

All types of libraries across the United States are invited to apply for the 2006 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant, which will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the official campaign theme, "Change Your World @ your Library" during National Library Week, April 2-8, 2006.

All proposals must use the "Change Your World @ your library" theme on all promotional material supporting National Library Week activities. Guidelines and application forms are available at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/nlwgrant. This year's application deadline is October 17, 2005. Information on last year's winner, the Haverford Township Free Library, Haverford, Pennsylvania, and the winning application can be viewed at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/nlwgrant.

Starbucks offers funding for youth literacy programs

Through its Giving Voice program, the [Starbucks Foundation](#) will fund programs for youth ages 6-18 that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live. The Starbucks Foundation invites letters of inquiry from qualifying organizations that work with underserved youth in one of two areas:

- 1) Arts & Literacy – programs that innovatively address literacy and learning, provide high standards of excellence in mastering basic skills, and promote youth voices through a variety of venues; and
- 2) Environmental Literacy – programs that offer place-based approaches to addressing environmental literacy and empower youth to be heroes for a sustainable environment in their own communities.

The foundation supports registered, nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organizations that deliver services to youth and address at least one of the program's action areas.

Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The Foundation accepts letters of inquiry twice a year, on September 1 and March 1. For additional information and application procedures, visit the [Starbucks Foundation Web site](#).

Best-selling author announces award

Best-selling author James Patterson and Time Warner Book Group recently announced the debut of the James Patterson PageTurner Award, an annual cash prize intended to support the people, companies, schools, and other institutions who find original and effective ways to promote the excitement of books. Prizes include:

- \$25,000 to a person, company, or institution that presents books to the public in an exciting and original way.
- \$25,000 to an elementary school, middle school, or high school that inculcates the joy of reading for pleasure in its students. The winning school will also win a visit from James Patterson for a day of reading, signing, and talking about books.
- Twenty-five \$1,000 merit awards to individuals and institutions who have made notable contributions to promoting the excitement of books.

Details about the award and the nomination process can be found at www.pattersonpageturner.org/. Nominations must be received by October 15, 2005.

In honor of the two \$25,000 winners, [First Book](#), a national nonprofit organization that gives children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books, will donate 1,000 books to programs serving disadvantaged children in cities of the winners' choosing.

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